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In re Patent Application of:

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For: COMBINATORIAL POLYKETIDE
LIBRARIES PRODUCED USING A
MODULAR PKS GENE CLUSTER AS
SCAFFOLD

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Examiner: Nashaat T. Nashed, Ph.D.

RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

ACCOMPANIED BY A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 1 February 2007, time for response to which was set to expire 1 May 2007. A petition for an extension of time of three (3) months until 1 August 2007 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. A Request for Continued Examination also accompanies this response. The considered claims, claims 1-5 and 7-13, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.